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Gentlemen

I subscribe to the Dish Network and require a Satellite Dish in order to receive any Television as we are in the Mountainous South Western part of North Carolina. We have been getting the East Coast Package of Broadcast Networks which was Nashville, TN; Erie, Penn; and New York City. This was convenient as we could get emergency weather warnings at least a state or two away. This past two weeks It was changed so that all channels now come from New York City which include NBC, CBS, ABC, FOX and PBS> This is totally unacceptable as a viewer. The weather there is either what we have already had or totally unrelated.

I contacted Dish Network and they indicated that the FCC mandated that it all be changed to New York Metropolitan area.

We are in a mountainous area with no reception of TV via antennas and no cable in the rural areas.

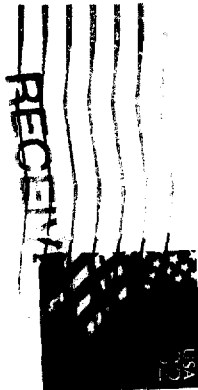
Has Direct TV (DSS) been directed to broadcast the same New York Stations and why was a change made because it is impossible for us to get cable in our area? Please respond.

Sincerely

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Re: Dish Network customer complaint.

Early this week we called Dish Network customer service to complain about the fact that they had taken the liberty to re-arrange some of our programming without even bothering to notify their customers. We were told that we have the FCC to blame, and obtained the above address to register our complaint.

Prior to the programming changes, we enjoyed watching news programs from different parts of the country such as ABC out of Tennessee, CBS out of Pennsylvania, and NBC out of New York City. Subsequent to your re-arrangement of the programming choices that we made and are paying for, our choices have been limited to watching news out of New York City on all three networks.

We object to having our choices limited by having all of the major networks emanating from a single city, especially out of New York.

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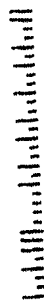
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

We're writing to request a change in the television programming we now receive from DISHNETWORK. We live in western North Carolina and our 3 major networks ABC, NBC, CBS all come from New York. In the past one of them came from Raleigh NC then was changed to Nashville, TN which was better than what we have now. We're not able to get any local news or weather programming. What we would like to see available is WTVC-ABC out of Chattanooga TN or at least something reasonably close to our area.

Thank you so much for your concern.

Sincerely,

Ed & Elaine Wohlgamuth

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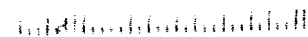
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It is my understanding that you determine the location of satellite channels. Until last week we were receiving from San Francisco Bay Area channels at our home at Lake Tahoe.

Suddenly, these have all been changed and we receive only Los Angeles channels. What good are these broadcasts from southern California to us in northern California? We cannot even get a weather report, something that is most important, especially during the winter season.

Please consider restoring the northern California channels.

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Yours truly,

Marion R. McConnell

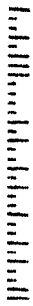


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From: "Les Peterson" <lvpdc@richpoor.com>
To: A4.A4 (FCCINFO)
Date: 7/29/98 8:37pm
Subject: Dish Network Changes

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I live in a rural area not served by cable or regular local broadcast from the western Washington network affiliates. Dish Network has been providing a package of network programming for us that we had selected for it's appropriateness. That package included a "west coast feed" of ABC, from Seattle, CBS from San Francisco, and NBC from Los Angeles. I recently turned on the 11:00 o'clock news and discovered all these networks are coming from Los Angeles. Dish Network says FCC said they had to provide service from one market. If this is so, why? It seems to go against the principles of fair competition to have the big 3 networks all coming from L.A. It gives us no local programming. Now we are forced to see only the news and weather of a region 1K miles away. The news programming is already so redundant as to be absurd. Now it is even more so. I have a daughter that lives in the S.F. area. It was useful to see news of her area; now I have to go to the internet to do so.

Why is the FCC getting involved in this? The cable companies stink; even if we had access to cable, we wouldn't use them. The satellites give great picture and service at a fair price; we even get to choose the programming and not pay for stuff we don't want. You have fouled up a good thing here. Change your rules to benefit consumers. Give us more options not less.
Les Peterson

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